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SUBJECT: FINAL SCREENING SITE INSPECTION
SPERRY REMINGTON
NORWALK, CONNECTICUT
TDD No. F1-9004-16
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The NUS Field Investigation Team (NUS/FIT) was requested by the Region I U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Waste Management Division to perform a Screening Site Inspection of Sperry Remington in Norwalk, Connecticut. All tasks were conducted in accordance with Technical Directive Document (TDD) No. F1-9004-16 which was issued to NUS/FIT on April 6, 1990. The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (CT DEP) completed a Preliminary Assessment of this property in November 1984. On the basis of information provided in this Preliminary Assessment, the Sperry Remington Screening Site Inspection was initiated.

Background information used in the generation of this report was obtained through file searches conducted at the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (CT DEP) and at the EPA. Information was also collected during an NUS/FIT site reconnaissance conducted on August 20, 1990.

This package follows guidelines developed under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, commonly referred to as Superfund. However, these documents do not necessarily fulfill the requirements of other EPA regulations such as those under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) or other federal, state or local regulations. Screening Site Inspections are intended to provide a preliminary screening of sites to facilitate EPA's assignment of site priorities. They are limited efforts and are not intended to supersede more detailed investigations.

Sperry Remington is located at 333-345 Wilson Avenue in Norwalk, Connecticut, (Latitude 41°05'02"N, Longitude 73°25'20"W) (Figure 1). Sperry Remington was once owned by Sperry Univac. Other names this company was known by were Remington Rand and Sperry Rand. Sperry Remington conducted research in the development of experimental inks; plating and polishing operations were conducted on the property from 1947 to 1970. Wastes generated from onsite operations included solvents, other organic compounds and acids. Currently, the property is occupied by Norwalk Community College and several small private firms. Available file information did not detail the operations of these firms (CT DEP 1984; NUS/FIT 1990; Verban 1990).

A Preliminary Assessment (PA) of the property was completed by the CT DEP in November of 1984. The PA indicated no evidence of onsite waste disposal was found. Wastes generated from the machine shop and laboratory processes were reportedly stored in "tanks and above ground drums" and were dumped into the septic system or neutralized and disposed in the town landfill in metal drums. The



property was connected to the municipal sewer system in 1945 and currently uses public water and sewer (CT DEP 1984; Pavan 1991; Verban 1991).

A site reconnaissance was performed by NUS/FIT at Sperry Remington on August 20, 1990. The 7-acre property consists primarily of paved parking areas except for several small landscaped areas, two steeply sloped, heavily vegetated, wooded areas, and a large bedrock outcrop near the northeast corner of the property. The location of the disconnected septic system could not be verified. No waste or disposal areas were observed on the property nor was there any evidence of what may have been previous disposal areas (Figure 2) (NUS/FIT 1990).

Available file information did not contain any information on any known or suspected releases of hazardous materials or discharge permits at Sperry Remington. No information was found to document that the site poses an actual or potential threat to human health or the environment. There is no evidence to suggest that such a release will occur in the future.

The State of Connecticut Water Quality Standard for groundwater in the Sperry Remington area is Class GA. Class GA represents potable water supply. Class GA also may be potential sources of future public water supply. In Class GA resources, wastewater discharges of non-human or animal origin are strictly precluded. Permits may be granted for those discharges permitted in Class GAA areas and for septage disposal, or disposal of other wastes of predominantly human, or natural origin (CT DEP 1987).

Because no past or current waste or disposal areas were observed on the property and due to the lack of documentation regarding releases of hazardous material into the environment on the Sperry Remington property, NUS/FIT recommends that no further remedial action be planned at Sperry Remington at this time.

A "No Further Remedial Action Planned" (NFRAP) designation means that no further Federal Superfund Remedial Action is anticipated at the identified location.

The NFRAP decision does not necessarily mean that there is no hazard associated with a given location; it means only that based upon information at the time of this study, the location is not judged to warrant further Federal Superfund Remedial Action.

Locations remain in the CERCLIS (Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Information System) database after site evaluations have been completed. This provides EPA with a permanent record of past agency activities at that location. The NFRAP decision may be changed in the future based upon additional information which indicates further Federal Superfund Remedial Action may be appropriate.

Inclusion of a specific location in the CERCLIS database carries no legal or regulatory consequences.

Approval: _____

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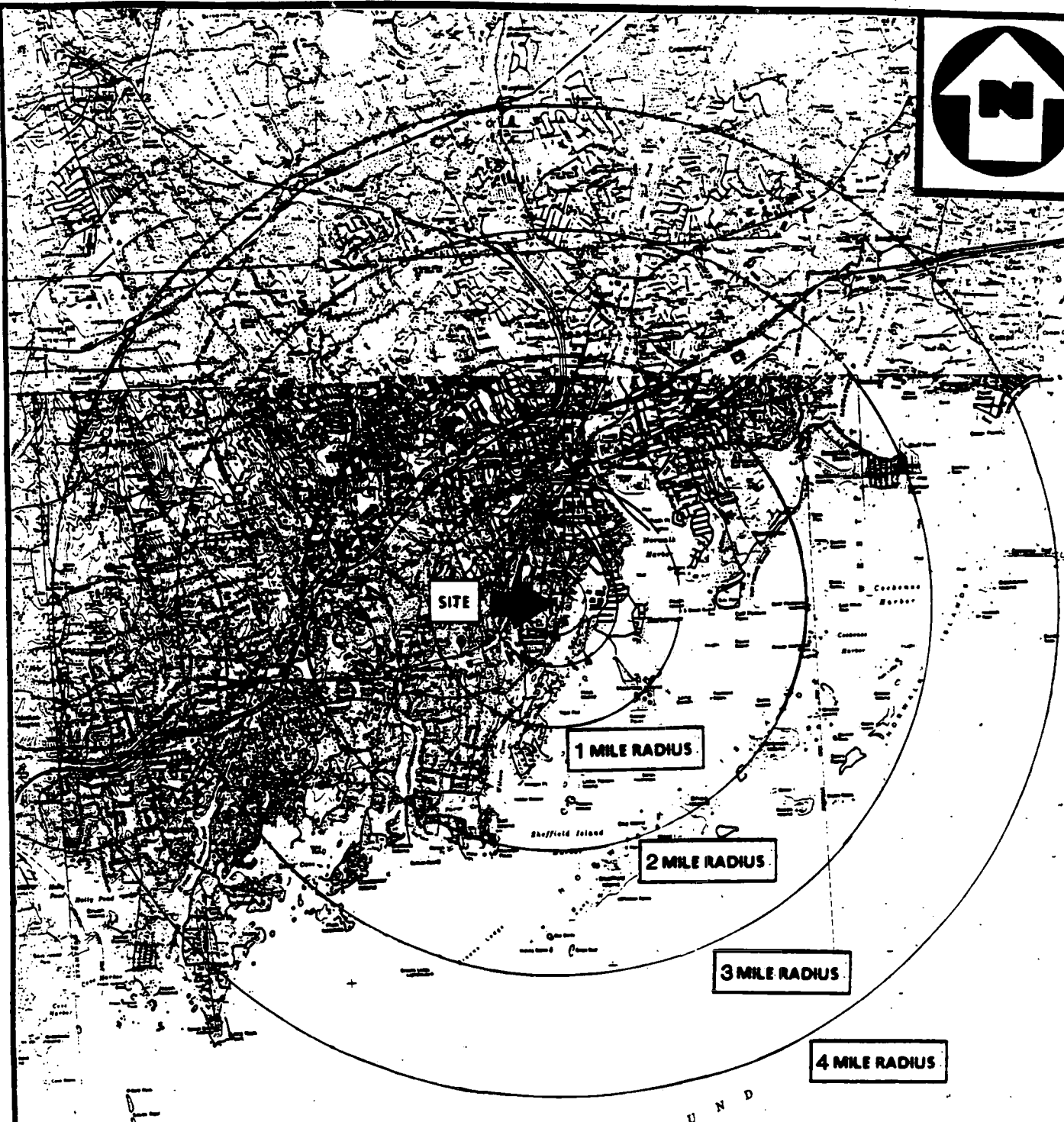
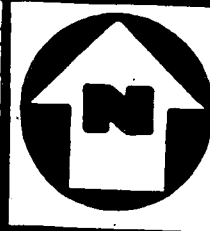
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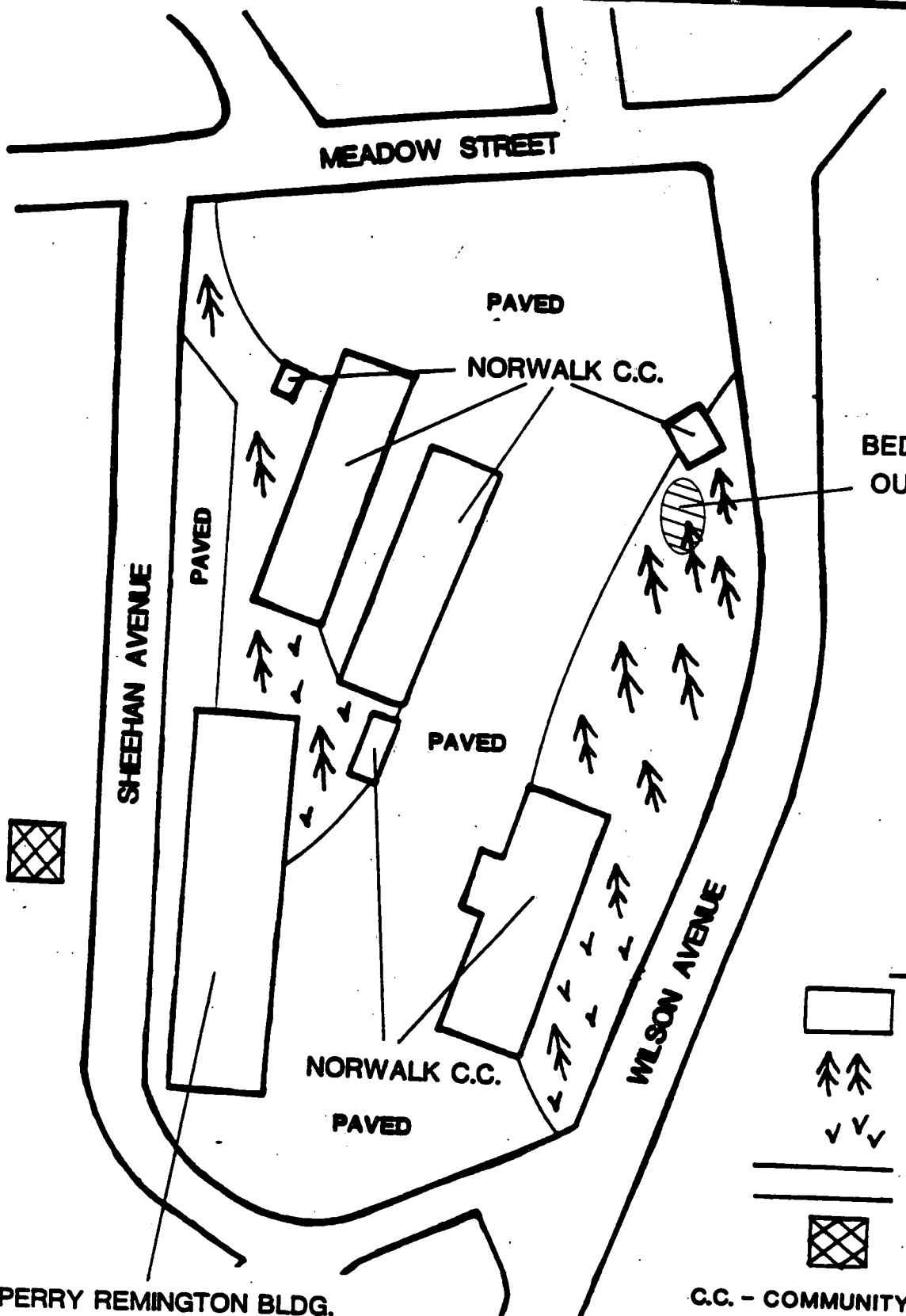
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- USGS 1971 WESTPORT QUADRANGLE 1960, PHOTOREVISED 1971
- USGS 1984 NORWALK, SOUTH QUADRANGLE 1960, PHOTOREVISED 1984
- USGS 1984 STAMFORD QUADRANGLE 1960 PHOTOREVISED 1984



LOCATION MAP
SPERRY REMINGTON
NORWALK, CONNECTICUT



FIGURE 1



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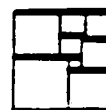
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SITE SKETCH

**SPERRY REMINGTON
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FIGURE 2